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January 29, 2004

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: **CaIWORKs TIME LIMITS STUDY REPORT, "EARLY EFFECTS OF WELFARE TIME LIMITS ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S CaIWORKs PARTICIPANTS" (BOARD ORDER #60 - JANUARY 21, 2003)**

The attached research report, "Reaching Welfare Time Limits in Los Angeles County: A Study of an Early Cohort," is in response to your Board's motion of January 21, 2003 that instructed my Department to examine how the CaIWORKs time limits have affected the employment, family structure, housing stability, supportive services needs, and income of 2,100 CaIWORKs participants who reached their time limits in January 2003. DPSS contracted with the Chief Administrative Office Service Integration Branch - Research and Evaluation Services to conduct this evaluation and produce the report.

The report addresses each area of concern raised by your Board, and compares differences between participants who reached time limits in January 2003 and a cohort of participants who remained on aid. Overall, the results show that there are substantive differences between the two groups of participants in several areas of concern. However, these differences may change over time. To obtain a comprehensive understanding of the long-term impact of time limits on the CaIWORKs population in the County of Los Angeles will require analyzing a larger sample of timed-out participants over a longer period of time.

In addition to the report, we are providing a Technical Appendix that explains in detail the data and methods employed in the study. This Technical Appendix includes supplemental tables, charts, data analyses and findings.

The Report and the Technical Appendix will be made available to the public on the Department's website in February 2004.

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
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